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INFO AMEMBASSY SINGAPORE

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: SNAR, TH

SUBJ: M-16 RIFLES FROM SINGAPORE TO THAILAND

REF: STATE 224103

1. WHILE RUMORS EXIST, THERE IS NO HARD EVIDENCE
HERE IN THAILAND THAT ROYAL THAI AIR FORCE OR
ANY OTHER RTG AGENCY HAS BOUGHT 7,000 M-16 (AR-15)
RIFLES FROM CHARTERED INDUSTRIES. RECENT RTG
PURCHASES OF RIFLES HAVE BEEN HECKLER-KOCH 33,
IN CONNECTION WITH ESTABLISHING HK ASSEMBLY
PLANT HERE.

2. AIR CHIEF MARSHAL DAWEE CHULLASAPYA, MINISTER
OF DEFENSE, TOLD EMBASSY OFFICERS THAT RTG IS
PURCHASING M-16 AMMUNITION FROM SINGAPORE. THIS
PURCHASE CONFIRMED BY DAO SINGAPORE TO ASSISTANT
ARMY ATTACHE, THAILAND, ON 15 NOV 73 IN SINGAPORE,
MAY HAVE GIVEN RISE TO REPORT OF SUBJECT M-16 RIFLE SALE.
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